

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 12, line 11, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTSINVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~An embodiment~~ Several presently preferred embodiments of the present invention will be described below with reference to the drawings. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 1 shows a banding packing machine according to ~~the one presently preferred~~ embodiment of the present invention. --